

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee
March 21, 2022
1:04PM – 2:15PM

Committee Members

Brett Andrews
Nina Catalano
Michelle Cunningham-Denning
Julia D'Antonio
Jennifer Friedenbach
Julie Leadbetter
Lena Miller
Ken Reggio
Shanell Williams

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1) ***Call to Order***

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 1:04pm.

Roll Call:

Member Andrews: Present
Member Catalano: Present
Member Cunningham-Denning: Present
Vice Chair D'Antonio: Present
Member Friedenbach: Present
Member Leadbetter: Present
Member Miller: Absent
Member Reggio: Present
Chair Williams: Present

Quorum confirmed.

Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement:

We acknowledge that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. As the indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland.

We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the ancestors, elders, and relatives of the Ramaytush Community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.

2) Discussion Item/Possible Action:

Needs Assessment Plan and Presentation of Inventory Analysis, with discussion and action by the Committee.

Data Officer Leadbetter presented “OCOH Needs Assessment Purpose and Planning” using slides 2-6, available [here](#). The presentation emphasized putting racial equity and lived expertise at the center of the OCOH Needs Assessment, and provided a timeline for completing the Needs Assessment in Fall 2022. Officer Leadbetter introduced Cynthia Nagendra, of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing. Together, they talked about connections between the OCOH Needs Assessment and the citywide planning processes, including the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing’s strategic planning efforts.

Jessica Shimmin of the Controller’s Office presented the Gaps Analysis section of the OCOH Needs Assessment, using slides 7-74, available [here](#). The presentation used a series of thought experiments to show that increasing permanent housing opportunities--particularly for adults and youth--will maximize the efficiency of existing shelter resources and make strides toward decreasing the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness each year. The presentation emphasized the need for performance and outcome reporting. She said that analyzing the outcomes of families served in permanent housing programs will illuminate strengths and gaps, with the goal of improving permanent housing outcomes for all families.

There were no public comments.

Member Friedenbach thanked staff for the presentation. To better represent undercounted groups, Member Friedenbach suggested additional data sets such as SF Unified School District and jail data, among others. She said that it will require estimating, but she is reluctant to rely on the Point in Time Count numbers. Member Friedenbach would like to understand how public housing fits into the solution.

Member Andrews said clearly adjustments will need to be made, and it is incredible work. He said the analysis shows San Francisco has a robust set of programs, and the next step will be addressing the connectivity between them. Some of the perceived gaps reflect a lack of connectivity between one program and another. This will require looking closely not just at connections between different pieces of government, but also government and nonprofits. The client experience should be seamless across these separations.

Vice Chair D’Antonio said young people may not accurately report their health for a variety of reasons. She asked to bear this in mind when interpreting data. As well, larger families have a very difficult time finding units that will work for them. She would like to see the permanent housing conversation framed in terms of unit size. Vice Chair D’Antonio would be interested in more specificity around single-parent families, which face greater barriers. She believes the number of families experiencing homelessness is much higher than reflected in the presentation. Vice Chair D’Antonio asked for more information on doubled up and SRO families and on Public Housing Authority resources.

Member Leadbetter made a motion to support the 2022 activities for the needs assessment, specifically the framework and approach described in the presentations. Member Reggio seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Andrews: Absent

Member Catalano: Yes

Member Cunningham-Denning: Absent

Vice Chair D'Antonio: Yes
Member Friedenbach: Yes
Member Leadbetter: Yes
Member Miller: Absent
Member Reggio: Yes
Chair Williams: Yes

The motion passed.

3) Action Item:

Election of Liaison and Officer Roles, with discussion and action by the Committee.

Member Leadbetter said that she would like to step out of the Prevention and Diversion Liaison role. She thanked the Departments and the stakeholders who participated in the 2021 Listening Sessions.

Member Leadbetter nominated, and Member Catalano accepted the nomination for the Prevention and Diversion Liaison role.

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Andrews: Absent
Member Catalano: Yes
Member Cunningham-Denning: Absent
Vice Chair D'Antonio: Absent
Member Friedenbach: Yes
Member Leadbetter: Yes
Member Miller: Absent
Member Reggio: Yes
Chair Williams: Yes

Member Catalano was elected Homelessness Prevention and Diversion Liaison.

Chair Williams opened nominations for the Data Officer role, which had been interim. Member Reggio nominated Member Leadbetter. Member Leadbetter accepted the nomination.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Andrews: Absent
Member Catalano: Yes
Member Cunningham-Denning: Absent
Vice Chair D'Antonio: Absent
Member Friedenbach: Yes
Member Leadbetter: Yes
Member Miller: Absent
Member Reggio: Yes
Chair Williams: Yes

Member Leadbetter was elected Data Officer.

4) Discussion Item/Possible Action:

Propose Agenda Items for Subsequent Meetings, with Discussion with Possible Action by the Committee.

The Chair tabled this agenda item.

5) ***Adjourn***

Member Catalano moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Friedenbach seconded the motion to adjourn.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Andrews: Absent
Member Catalano: Yes
Member Cunningham-Denning: Absent
Vice Chair D'Antonio: Absent
Member Friedenbach: Yes
Member Leadbetter: Yes
Member Miller: Absent
Member Reggio: Yes
Chair Williams: Yes

The meeting adjourned at 2:15pm